



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Miwa et al.
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IMAGING

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Examiner : S. J. SHARAREH

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Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated July 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.